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## Outreach at Terryville Fair a Big Success

From September 13th-15th the Libertarian Party of Connecticut had a very successful outreach booth at one of the state's larger fairs. LP volunteers spoke with a number of fair attendees. They also presented a constant image of having several people in front of one of the fair's most attractive booths, advancing Libertarian Party branding.

One of the weekend highlights was to have LP candidates on site when Governor Rowland came to the fair. Candidate Walter Gengarely and a couple of other members spoke with him briefly. Moreover, several other candidates and volunteers from the other parties stopped by to meet us and find out more about the Libertarian Party. One candidate actually took our political quiz (he came out extremely conservative, but not Libertarian).

We were present, on site, between the Democrats and Republicans, and we were noticed! It was a great opportunity to let the competition and Walter's constituents know that we are here working for liberty in Connecticut.

Other vendors around us noticed that we had a lot of support with different people coming and going each day. They were surprised that there were so many Libertarians. In fact, one vendor challenged the LP by saying that they would vote for the party that was the last to leave the Fairgrounds in the face of a heavy rainstorm.

The Democrats left very early (they are probably going to pass a law against rain). The Republicans stayed almost to the end. Only the dedicated LP members stayed until the fair shut down, working in a downpour and mud to break down the tent and contents. The vendor who challenged us confirmed his promise to vote for us.

Seven LP volunteers stuck it out and broke this booth down in the storm. This is the kind of effort and commitment that impresses people. Quite a few folks will remember the LP as the party of hard-working, gutsy volunteers – people worth casting your vote for.



*Libertarian Party member Andrew Rule debates politics with a Republican volunteer.*

## LP is Only Political Party to Spend the Day at CT PRIDE

On September 21st the Libertarian Party of Connecticut was on the road again, setting up its attractive fair tent at the Connecticut Pride festival at Bushnell Park in Hartford. This event brings together people of diverse lifestyles from all over Connecticut for entertainment and short speeches.

Our own Walter Gengarely, Congressional Candidate for the 5th Congressional District, was kindly invited to share the Libertarian Party principles to an audience of several hundred people from the Bushnell stage. He stressed separation of government and bedroom, and the Libertarian Party's strength as the third largest political party. He was the only candidate who had this opportunity.

The booth was well-staffed, and was visited by many fairgoers. More than a couple of hundred brochures were passed out through the crowd. At one point, Gubernatorial candidate Curry stopped at the booth and voiced his concern that the LP not do "too good of a job". It was fun and was yet another successful fair event.

Media coverage included an eleven o'clock news shot of the LP booth. Flanked by the United States and "Don't Tread on Me" flags, it was the most attractive setup at the site. Libertarian Party branding was advanced again.

Simultaneously, up on the hill overlooking the park on the steps of the Capitol, Gunsafe held a rally that was also attended by several LP members. Once again, some of our candidates were greeted by Republican candidates – our activism is quite visible to the competition.



*Governor Roland (left) and Walter Gengarely share a laugh at the Terryville Fair. Pictured in the middle is Dan Gore, a distant cousin of the former Presidential candidate.*

# Libertarian Party Holds 2002 Convention at Old State House

Approximately sixty LP members from all over the state attended the 2002 Connecticut State Convention at the Old State House in Hartford. The attendees included several Yale student

LPers. A student from Three Rivers Community College, who is organizing an LP club, also joined us.

A number of By-Laws changes were made, and the minutes of the Convention will be mailed in a separate mailing. Following the business meeting, attendees enjoyed several informative speakers, a great buffet meal, candidate speeches, and a question-and-answer session with the Keynote speaker, Walter Gengarelly.

A full video was taken (and it looks great!) of the Convention. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact [communications@lpct.org](mailto:communications@lpct.org) or call the LPCT at 1-866-296-2888. A modest fee will be charged for editing and reproduction.



*Walter Gengarelly, (right) LP Candidate for Congress in the 5th District, with aviator and union leader Ray Plourde at the Aviator's picnic held at Johnny Cake Airport in Harwinton.*



*Yale student Libertarians enjoying the 2002 Libertarian Party State Convention at the Old State House.*

## NOTICES

### DEBATES AND OTHER EVENTS

- **October 5**, Debate: Saturday, Hosted by Connecticut Public Television at the Hartford Studio (public not invited). Will air on CPTV Friday, October 11th, 11pm and October 13th prime-time (9pm). Check website for channel to be aired.
- **October 5**, Saturday, Join Walter Gengarelly at Harwinton Fair Grounds: 3pm (time tentative based on CPTV conclusion). Please see website [www.lpct.org/gengarelly](http://www.lpct.org/gengarelly) for updates and further details. T-Shirts ordered to support Walter for Fair event (and subsequent events and debates, if permitted). Price \$15.00/person. Everyone's participation is needed.
- **October 16**, Tuesday, Candidate Fair, 12-2pm. Sponsored by Anthem. 370 Bassett Road, North Haven. Opportunity to meet 2000 employees. Libertarian outreach, literature table provided.
- **October 19**, Sat., (Oct. 20 Raindate), Flying Congressional Candidate - Barnstorming Event: Walter will be flying into several airports to meet constituents. Please check the website and RSVP to Tom Alvord at: [tlvard@aol.com](mailto:tlvard@aol.com) to let us know which airport you can attend to show your support for Walter.
- **October 21**, Monday, Debate: Southbury Hilton 12 pm. Public invited. Sponsored by Waterbury Chamber of Commerce. Awaiting details. Please check website, or call 866-296-2888.
- **October 21**, Monday, Debate: Pizza and Politics 6-9pm. Fireside Inn, 123 S. Main St. (Rt 25) Newtown, CT. Tickets available at door (price not confirmed between \$10 and \$15 dollars) Menu: Pizza, Pasta and Salad, etc. Cash bar 6-6:30 pm. Please notify Linda Rasch at [l.rasch@snet.net](mailto:l.rasch@snet.net) or (party phone at) 866-296-2888 if you plan to attend to provide host with headcount. Sponsored by Newtown Chamber of Commerce, The Newtown Women's Club and the Lion's Club of Newtown.
- **October 24**, Thurs., "Meet the Candidates". Sponsored by the

Town of Southington Senior Center, 388 Pleasant Street, Southington. Commence at 1:45 pm. Len Rasch to introduce candidates. Candidates invited and will have 3 minute speech opportunities, along with question and answer period.

- **October 25**, Friday, Debate: CT Junior Republic 7-8:30 pm. Route 63 (2.5 miles North) Litchfield. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters Litchfield County.
- **October 26**, Tentative plans to organize event – Wine Tasting/Fundraising Event – Not confirmed. Please see website or call party phone for details.
- **October 27**, Sun., Debate in Danbury sponsored by the Portuguese Cultural Center, the Danbury League of Women Voters and the News-Times TBA, see website for further details.
- Please plan to attend all possible events. Updates will be posted on: [www.lpct.org/gengarelly](http://www.lpct.org/gengarelly) and every effort will be made to update to the activist list. We need about 15 people at each public debate and each airport for Flying Congressional Candidate. Debates: RSVP Linda Rasch at [l.rasch@snet.net](mailto:l.rasch@snet.net)

### MEETINGS

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on October 15th at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to members and to the public. The agenda is:

Minutes • Treasurer's Report • Political Director's Report • Membership Report • Communications Report • Chairman's Report.

**Old Business:** Support for State Reps • Fifth District Activities and Support • College Campus Organizing.

**New Business:** LP T-shirt purchase • Review Convention • Ballot Access Effort